

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
CHEMISTS, &c.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
PRESENTS,
DAINTY AND GOOD,
from \$1 to \$100.

CHOCOLATES in Boxes.

In Baskets,
in Bookcases,
in Caskets.

FROM 25 CENTS TO \$12.00.

WINES AND SPIRITS.
THE BEST OF THEIR KINDS.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WE invite attention to our first supplies
OF
CONFECTIONERY AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS

RECEIVED BY THE LAST MAIL.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUT-
TER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,
DRAGEES, FRALINES, and a large selection
of PURE CONFECTIONERY from the leading
Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE
CREMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME,
GUAVA, and other FRUIT JELLIES in great
variety.

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS mounted in Plush,
representing favourite subjects.

A large assortment of ENGLISH and
JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS, of hand-
some and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes,
and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1891.

THE LIBEL CASE.

We have received within the past two days quite a number of letters from correspondents dealing with the recently decided *Minchin v. Fraser-Smith* libel suit—chiefly inquiring as to what action will be taken to over-rule the one-sided and altogether unjustifiable verdict of the jury of nondescripts who represented British Justice on the occasion, and when active operations will be commenced. However desirous we may be of retaining the full confidence of and keeping in touch with our readers on every matter of general interest which may become the subject of public controversy in this journal, it must be admitted that exceptions may arise when personal considerations have to be very carefully studied. And it is so in this particular matter. We have not the slightest intention of tamely submitting to the iniquitous verdict delivered by the jury last Tuesday night; but we are likewise just as averse to exposing for the special benefit of Mr. Jno. Joseph Francis, Q.C., and his worthy satellite Dennis, solicitor, etc., etc., the plan of campaign we have formed to have that verdict rendered nugatory. We have "hung up our banners on the outward wall," and there they will hang until our vindication in this notorious business has been obtained and fully recognised. As the case may be said to be still practically *sub judice* we are bound in common honesty to refrain from making any comments or entering into any details; but our friends may rest assured that no stone will be left unturned, at whatever risk and expense, to have the whole truth of this most degrading scandal fully

and clearly exposed to the light of public opinion. Thousands of dollars have already been unsuccessfully expended in endeavoring to get at the truth, and no doubt thousands more will be required before our mission can be successfully accomplished; but it is a long lane that has no turning, and, thoroughly convinced of the integrity of our cause, we mean to fight to the bitter end—and we shall win, in spite of all the concentrated influences that have so dishonorably been brought forward to stem the honest course of justice in this colony.

TELEGRAMS.

FURTHER DISTURBANCES IN BRAZIL.

LONDON, December 22nd.
Disturbances continue in the province of Rio Grande, the Federal troops fighting against the National Guard. The result is unknown, owing to the telegraph lines having been cut.

OBITUARY.

The Duke of Devonshire.
[Owing to this death the Tory Party will lose the valuable services of Lord Hartington in the House of Commons.—ED.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We take this opportunity of very heartily wishing our readers, one and all,

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THERE will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph* on the 25th (Christmas Day) and 26th (Boxing Day) inst., as we desire on these days to give our hard-worked staff a few hours recreation. On and after Monday next the journal will be quite up to its old form. The journals that have been industriously circulated these past two days by interested persons—are you listening?—do the effect that the Editor of this journal intends shortly shaking the dust of Hongkong of his feet, are absolutely without foundation; no amount of interested opposition can drive us from following our policy of independent criticism in dealing with crying public abuses, and our colours have been nailed to the mast, where they will remain until wrong has been exposed and right thoroughly vindicated.

At the Magistracy to-day twenty-four gamblers were fined \$5 each for having more money than scale.

A REGULAR meeting of Diligent Lodge of Instruction will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 31st inst., at 5 for 6.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

WILL our many correspondents who have sent us offers of pecuniary assistance to defray the damages and costs in the recent libel case, kindly await further developments? We thank one and all most heartily, but as our future action in this case has not yet been finally decided on, it is better to "go slow" in the meantime.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—
Chinese Drug Merchants' Guild.....\$20
Wong Shing.....10
Lei Sun Tien.....5
Ching Sing.....4
Map Loong.....2
Kwong Man Sing.....2
Sue Loong.....2
Wong Wing Shing.....2
Sun Sing.....2
Kwong Wing Shing.....2
Chun Fung.....2
Kwong Hing Cheung.....2
Smaller Sums.....8.50

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.	
Cairo.....steamer, from Sourabaya.	
Freya....." " Pakhol, &c.	
Elis....." " Halphong.	
Tachong....." " Singapore.	
Namoa....." " Foochow, &c.	
Arday....." " Canton.	
Sekolo....." " Yokohama.	
Aggregating 7,138 tons, register.	
Outward.	
Pictola.....steamer, for Halphong.	
Rennas....." " Shanghai.	
Pekin....." " Singapore, &c.	
Aggregating 5,913 tons, register.	

The master of the Nova Scotia barque *Velocity*, Capt. Roger Martin, was charged on remand at the Police Court to-day with having in his possession eighteen packages of prepared opium, or 11,000 taels, worth about \$5,000, on board his vessel without a certificate from the Farmer. Mr. J. J. Spooner proved the discovery of the opium, which the Captain said was for the use of the crew, and that he had no intention of transhipping it to a schooner which was to be met in mid-ocean, in a certain latitude and longitude. The importation of prepared opium into Honolulu was forbidden. On reaching the point specified, the *Velocity* hove to and waited 24 hours, burning blue lights at night, but no schooner came, and as the Chinese passengers grumbled loudly at the delay, the Captain had to go on her course to Hongkong. This statement was held to be no excuse for contravention of the law, and a fine of \$250 was imposed, and the opium forfeited.

PETER SINCLAIR, whose prosecution was described as that of a vagrant, was brought up at the Edinburgh City Police Court the other week—before Sheriff Orpho—on a charge of being drunk and disorderly in Princes' Street; further, with breaking four panes of glass in a cell window at Waverley Market Police Office, where he was detained in custody. He admitted the charge, but at once began to recite the following verses, causing some merriment in Court:—

The drunken is kicked, he's called, and he's dogged.
He's chased and he's robbed when he's pretty well dogged.
One time he was an inn, he was once a man, now,
For he's been on the grass like a cow.
For he has his eye, and the eye has his eye,
The weary old drunkard has nowhere to lie.
The pedlar's rough grin, and the publican's grin,
The paragon's smile and the tumbler's grin,
The Londoner from down and the Londoner up,
The woman's fond tongue and the woman's lip,
These welcome the life that our God loves so dear.
His harp was in heaven, but he's down here,
And because he's down here, he's down here,
For he's been on the grass like a cow.
His harp was in heaven, but he's down here,
And because he's down here, he's down here,
For he's been on the grass like a cow.

His harp was in heaven, but he's down here, and he was told to go with the officer and tell him all about it. "But, Mr. Sheriff," he said, "I haven't heard sentences or anything yet. What is the sentence of the Court?" He was led away from the Court, and he was taken to the cells. "What is the most dreadful?" he said, "I ought to be in the cells, but I'm not."

THE Christmas decorations this year are distinguished by their beauty more than their abundance. The *Namoi* in very pretty decorated, and the Hongkong Hotel, the "Vic," the "Star," and the Criterion have plentiful displays of holly and fir, set off with ribbons etc., giving a charming effect.

At the Magistracy to-day a Chinese contractor was summoned for obstructing Queen's Road, near the Globe Hotel, with building materials. An "architect" stated that he visited the place every day and never saw anything wrong. He did not seem to be blind. The police proved that the contractor had been warned on the 17th and 18th, and yet, on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, he was lying about the street several feet away from the building which surrounded the building under construction. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

THE United States Postmaster-General, Mr. Wanamaker, some time ago started a mission in one of the worst sections of Philadelphia. He wanted to build a large church, and thought it would be a good plan to interest all the Sunday-schools in the enterprise. With this end in view he told the school one Sunday that he wanted each scholar to bring three bricks the next Sunday as his contribution to the new building. The first day, he said, "I will only cost a few cents, and you will all along the road work." The next Sunday Mr. Wanamaker's face fairly beamed when he announced to the Sunday-school that over 3,000 bricks had been contributed by the good boys and girls of the school. "Now, try the same thing again," he said, "I am proud, very proud of you." But the next Sunday there was a cloud reading on the superintendent's face, for thirty of the "good little boys" had been arrested for stealing bricks, and the owners of all the bricks had been called in by the police. Mr. Wanamaker in a body and demanded that his scholars were stealing every one they could lay their hands on. It was a great shock to Mr. Wanamaker, the request was cancelled, and the church built on the good old-fashioned plan. The story of "Wanamaker's Bricks" is often told, and it is said the Postmaster-General enjoys the telling of it himself as much as anybody.

LOSS OF THE "ABYSSINIA."

Messrs. Dowell, Canill & Co. inform us that they received a telegram this morning stating that the steamship *Abyssinia* has been burnt at sea, the crew and passengers being saved. Their advice state that the *Abyssinia*, which was well known all over the East, and was until recently on the run occupied by the *Empress*, was taking the *Alaska* place temporarily on the line between Hongkong and New York. The ship was being laid up for the purpose of being repaired and general repairs, and that the Captain and crew of the *Alaska* had been transferred to the *Abyssinia* so that they would probably be on board during this last trip. The *Abyssinia* left Liverpool for New York on 28th November, so that it would appear that she was on her way back to Liverpool from New York when the burning occurred.

THE LOSS OF TWO STEAMERS.

Some time ago—so long a time that we cannot now fix the date exactly, though it may have been three weeks—we reported that the *Yunnan* had got on the rocks near Swatow, that the *Tongshan* had gone to help her, and got stuck likewise, and that in the heavy seas prevailing both boats were being badly hurt, and could not get off. On being badly hurt, and temporaries have just found this out, and published the facts last night and this morning as news. This is hardly quite so far behind as they usually are—not more than a month this time; and we congratulate them. Further, they are improving in the matter of accuracy. If this goes on, soon the Government will not need to say "The statement is incorrect" more than once a week about them. Of course, it is hard work for them to be accurate. They don't like taking items direct from the *Telegraph* without some mauling and distorting besides, it takes them a long time to spell the word. Hence their excessive inaccuracy.

Now we will give them some more news, for which we are indebted to a special correspondent. But we would urge our very paranoiac contemporaries to cut this item right out, not to pervert it or try to get wrong over the facts. Stick to the truth, "Granny," do let your supposed readers have a change and see what it is like to be right.

The inquiry into the loss of the *Tongshan* took place on Wednesday (yesterday) evening. The Court consisted of Consul Fraser (President), with Capt. Bell (H.M.S. *Porpoise*) and Capt. Goddard (Navy) as assessors, and Paymaster Galves (Navy) as clerk of the court. It was found that the *Tongshan* was improperly anchored too close to windward of the rocks, but as the error was committed in the desire to save life, all parties were exonerated from blame and certificates returned untouched.

Mr. R. Cook, of the Hongkong Dock Co., has returned from the scene of the wreck. His opinion is that it is not worth while to try to raise the *Tongshan*.

The remains of the *Yunnan* have been found in Swatow for \$7,000, but in the strong monsoon and heavy seas now prevailing it is likely the purchasers will not get their money back.

No other news up the coast.

PROFESSOR FRIEDENSTADT'S FAREWELL CONCERT.

On Tuesday next (26th) Herr Albert Friedenstadi will give in St. Andrew's Hall his third and last concert, which promises to be the best of the entire series. He had decided not to perform in Hongkong again, as there seemed to be no audience, no piano, no hall, nor anything that could pretend to be worthy a great master. Numerous friends have induced him to give a third entertainment, which is to take the form of a "Farewell Concert." The programme is a very fine one, and the masterpieces of the evening will be the *Symphony in A-flat* by Wagner, and Mrs. D. Gilman and Mr. von Wille have been invited to perform. The masterpieces of the evening will be the *Symphony in A-flat* by Wagner, and Mrs. D. Gilman and Mr. von Wille have been invited to perform. The masterpieces of the evening will be the *Symphony in A-flat* by Wagner, and Mrs. D. Gilman and Mr. von Wille have been invited to perform.

PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN.

A MISERABLE MESSAGE.
"Some time ago in Foochow there was trouble among the Christian Chinese. The Protestants called the Catholics hard names, and the latter returned the compliment with compound interest. From words the quarrel passed to blows, and a small crowd of Christians and Catholics were killed."

and after much chin-chinning, they issued a proclamation in the vernacular of which the following is a translation. It is about as curious a literary document as was ever evolved by gentlemen of the cloth and we append it without further comment.

Copy.

Proclamation by the Roman Catholic Bishop F. T. Mast and the American Methodist Missionary, N. J. Plumb.
In the beginning God and Jesus created Heaven and Earth and all things, and also the first man and first woman, in six days. On the 7th day they rested; therefore we must also rest from our works on the 7th day to worship, adore and express gratitude to them. As human beings multiply there are many among them forgetting the goodness of the Creator, and instead of worshipping God, they pay homage and offer sacrifices to spirits, human beings, and things. These having been clearly discussed in our religious books, it would be superfluous to reiterate them.

The opinions of the various churches differ in regard as to the interpretation of the profound passages in the Bible. When the Roman Catholics wish to interpret them, Councils of Bishops have to assemble before the Pope, and when their suggestions are approved by him they are accepted as doctrines true and infallible. The Protestants, Methodists and other churches do not agree with this, believing that each one with his understanding and natural gifts and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is capable of interpreting the Bible.

Now in order that the two churches may get along peacefully, the following regulations are established:—

1. As is given in the Treaty, people are free to adopt what religion they may choose.
2. The desire of Christianity is to offer thanks to the Lord for creating and preserving human beings and things. Those who worship Him, keep His commandments and believe in Jesus Christ, must have for their object the salvation of their souls and the attainment of everlasting happiness. The Lord says, do not depend upon worldly influence, nor look after gains nor desire babbling reputation.

3. Methodists desiring to become Roman Catholics, may be free to do so and not be prevented; Roman Catholics desiring to become Methodists, may likewise be free to do so and not be prevented. The two churches must cultivate and educate their members with true doctrine, and shall not tempt each other with influence or gain. Roman Catholics and Protestants Methodists should live in harmony.

4. The Holy Virgin and the Saints are respected by the Roman Catholics, as favorite ministers of God having ascended to Heaven and enjoying everlasting happiness. The Roman Catholics assert that the respect they pay them is very different from the reverence with which they worship God; so that to destroy their Holy Images is a great offence to the Roman Catholics. This should never be done.

5. But the Will of God, which is the old and the New Testament, is revered and esteemed by the Protestant Methodists. To destroy the Bible, therefore, is an offence to the Methodists. This should also be warned against.

6. Other persons have nothing to do with property belonging to us and we have nothing to do with property belonging to others; therefore, members of the Roman Catholic church have nothing to do with the property of the members of the Methodist church, and vice versa.

Let all petitions laid in the yamen of the local authorities previous to the 12th of January, be withdrawn; subsequent actions shall not be granted by this regulation.
Therefore should any trouble arise after the 12th of January, the Consuls concerned will at once request the Chinese officials to examine into the matter and severely punish the guilty parties.

Words having been spoken before-hand, no indulgence will be shown.
Approved by S. L. Gracey, U. S. Consul; and E. Frandon, Vice Consul for France.
Kuangshih, 17th year, 1st moon, and day.

FOOCHOW RACES.

FIRST DAY.—TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

THE STEWARDS CUP (Presented); value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Half a mile.

Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Sundius 1

Mr. Richman's gr. Titmouse, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Drummond 2

Baron Bunkum's gr. Yarnum, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Bartlett 3

Sir Gible's gr. Enchanter, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Gibb 0

Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Greaves 0

Colonel Scandal's d. Baccarat, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Fraser 1

Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Fraser 3

Mr. O'w's gr. Scott Free, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Sundius 0

Mr. Escher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Greaves 0

Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Bartlett 0

Captain Hope's wh. White Pasha, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Stemsen 1

The CHAISE CUP, value \$100; second pony to receive \$15; for Foochow and Amoy Subscription Grifflins of this or previous meetings; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and half.

Mr. Escher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Greaves 1

Baron Bunkum's wh. Bravo, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Bartlett 2

Mr. Camer's gr. Blit, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Sundius 3

THE COMPROMISED CUP, value \$50; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Sundius 1

Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Greaves 3

Mr. Camer's gr. Yarnum, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Baker 3

THE STAND STAKES; of \$5 each, with \$50 added; divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent. to the First, Second and Third Ponies; for Foochow and Amoy Subscription Grifflins of this or previous meetings; weights as per scale; winners at this or previous meetings 10lb. extra. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Escher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Greaves 1

Capt. Hope's gr. Iron Duke, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Stemsen 2

Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Bartlett 3

Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Baker 0

Colonel Scandal's wh. Cropper, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Drummond 0

Mr. Bunter's gr. Ploughboy, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Fraser 0

THE HONGKONG CUP (Presented); value \$200; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and a half.

Mr. Richman's wh. White Heather, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Drummond 1

Captain Hope's wh. Antocrat, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Stemsen 3

Mr. Min's bay Reaper, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Baker 3
Sir Gible's gr. Enchanter, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Sundius 0

THE MIN STAKES, forced entry; for Subscription Grifflins; \$100 to the First Pony, \$20 to the Second; weights as per scale; winner 7 lb. extra. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Baker 1

Mr. Escher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Drummond 3

THE MANDARIN'S CUP (Presented); value \$50; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Sundius 2

Mr. Richman's gr. Titmouse, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Drummond 0

Baron Bunkum's wh. Yarnum, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Greaves 0

SECOND DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER.

THE KUSHAN CUP, value \$100; for subscription grifflins; weights as per scale; winners 5 lb. extra for each race won; entrance forced \$5. One mile.

Captain Hope's gr. Iron Duke, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Stemsen 1

Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Baker 3

Mr. Escher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Greaves 3

Mr. O'w's gr. Scott Free, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Sundius 0

THE TOTALISATOR CUP, value \$150, with \$25 to the second and \$10 to the third; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners of one race 7 lb. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Captain Hope's wh. Antocrat, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Stemsen 1

Mr. Camer's gr. Yarnum, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Baker 3

Mr. Dorset's wh. Kullang, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Greaves 3

Sir Gible's gr. Enchanter, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Sundius 0

Baron Bunkum's wh. Bravo, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Bartlett 0

THE HAKKAW CUP (Presented); value \$150; for Foochow and Amoy Subscription Grifflins of this or previous meetings; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting to lbs. extra; previous Non-starters, entrance \$5. Once Round.

Mr. Escher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Greaves 1

Mr. Boco's gr. Reindeer, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Fraser 1

Baron Bunkum's gr. Boomerang, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Bartlett 2

Colonel Scandal's d. Baccarat, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Drummond 3

Mr. Escher's gr. Sandown, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Greaves 0

THE CHRISTMAS STAKES; of \$5 each with \$50 added; for China ponies; weights as per scale; winners 7 lb. extra. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Min's gr. Woodman, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Baker 1

Mr. Newboy's bl. Black Leaf, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Sundius 2

Mr. Richman's gr. Titmouse, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Drummond 3

Baron Bunkum's gr. Yarnum, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Bartlett 3

Capt. Hope's gr. Flight, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Stemsen 1

Mr. Bunter's gr. Ploughboy, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Fraser 0

THE HACK STAKES; of \$10 each with \$10 added for each starter; for all China Ponies not otherwise entered at this meeting except for the Cosmopolitan Cup; weights 7 lb. over weight for inches; riders who have never won a race allowed 10 lb. Half-a-mile.

Capt. Hope's wh. Wild Wood, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Stemsen 1

Mr. Min's gr. Haymaker, 11st. 5lb. Mr. Baker 2

Mr. Diney's gr. Tipster, 11st. 8lb. Mr. Balloch 3

THE RACING STAKES, forced entry of \$10 each with \$30 added; for Subscription Grifflins; \$100 to the First Pony \$30 to the Second, and \$20 to the Third; weights as per scale; winners of one race 7 lb. extra, of 2 or more 10 lb. extra. Twice round.

Mr. Min's gr. Shoddy, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Baker 1

Mr. Escher's gr. Kyleakin, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Greaves 3

Mr. Boco's gr. Reindeer, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Fraser 3

Captain Hope's

